

(5) The company shall ensure achievement of reduction in manpower from 1,14,582 as on 01.03.2003 to 88,196 as on 01.04.2010 through VRS and natural attrition, within the stipulated time frame.

(d) and (e) The above package was as recommended by the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE), except that BRPSE had recommended that arrears of NCWA-VII wages may be disbursed over a period of three years from April, 2006.

### **Allotment of captive mine blocks in Andhra Pradesh**

277. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal for allotment of captive mine blocks of Bhupalapally Thermal Power Station of 500 MW additional units and allotment of seven coal mines blocks of SCCL to meet the requirement of 11.15 million tones of coal per annum for Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station and Kothagudem, Thermal Power Station—Stage VI;

(b) if so, the status of the said proposals;

(c) by when these are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANARAO): (a) In response to letter issued to the Chief Secretaries of the all the States on 7th November, 2006 for allocation of blocks under Government company dispensation route, a letter has been received from Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh wherein he has sought allocation of nine coal blocks in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

(b) to (d) Applications received from the Central/State Public Sector Undertakings are being scrutinized and the decision for allocation of coal blocks including those for the Public Sector Undertakings of Government of Andhra Pradesh will be taken shortly.